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TASK FORCE VII
BEWARE JADESTONE'S POWER!
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TEEN
WAR THROUGH THE EYES OF EVIL!

WHO HAS JOINED THE TRINITY OF EVIL?

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ABSOLUTE POWER #2

THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE FOR DC'S HEROES, COURTESY OF THE SUPERSTAR TEAM OF **MARK WAID** and **DAN MORA!**

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TASK FORCE VII
DOMINATES THE DC UNIVERSE!

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THE BLOCKBUSTER EVENT CONTINUES IN SEPTEMBER!

COAST CITY... NOW!
By order of Amanda Waller, you will come with me for your own safety.
Do not resist.
TARGET: GREEN LANTERN ALAN SCOTT. STATUS: ACQUIRED.
POWER ABSORBTION COMMENCING...
LET HIM GO, YA TIN CAN!
ABSORBTION COMPLETE.
WHACK!
ANALYSIS OF POWER SOURCE...
RESULT--
ORIGIN: ALIEN.
TYPE: UNKNOWN.
DANGEROUS.
POWER LOSS DETECTED.
POWER FADING...
PROTOCOL ONE.
DELIVERY SYSTEM...
DEATH...

-COUGH-
IT JUST FROZE!
ALAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
NO...HOW DID THIS... AMAZO ROBOT FIND US SO FAST?
JESSE'S SPEED. THIS THING MUST HAVE ABSORBED EVERYONE'S POWERS IN NEW YORK. IF SALEM HADN'T MAGICALLY TRANSPORTED US OUT OF THERE, WE'D BE CAPTURED ALONG WITH THE OTHERS.
WONDERFUL... BUT...DOES ANYONE HAVE AN IDEA WHY IT SHUT DOWN LIKE THAT?
THE BATTLE BEGAN IN ABSOLUTE POWER #1 AND GREEN LANTERN #13! --MARQUIS
I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T DETECT ANY POWER READINGS FROM IT. IT'S LIKE IT WAS SUDDENLY... SWITCHED OFF.
HELLO? ANYONE ALIVE IN THERE?
KNOCK IT OFF, WILDCAT. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S NOT MOVING, BUT I'M NOT WAITING AROUND TO FIND OUT.
SALEM, CAN YOU STILL GET US TO THE TOWER OF FATE?
YES...SINCE THE TOWER IS UNDER THREAT, IT RANDOMLY MOVES THROUGH THE ASTRAL REALM ALONG THE GLOBE'S LEY LINES. IF WE CAN MAKE IT TO ONE OF THE NEXUS POINTS, I THINK I CAN SUMMON IT, EVEN WITHOUT MY POWERS.
GOOD.
WHAT ABOUT HAL JORDAN?
WHEN SALEM TRANSPORTED US HERE, YOU SAID HAL MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US.
FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS, HE MUST HAVE BEEN CAPTURED...BUT AT LEAST WE FOUND CAROL.
THAT'S SOMETHING.

PROTOCOL TWO INITIALIZING...
THUMMMMMMMM
THUMMMMMMMM
DELIVERY SYSTEM...
THUMMMMMMMM
LIFE.

AMANDA WALLER HAS WON.
A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZOS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

ABSOLUTE POWER

OPTIONS

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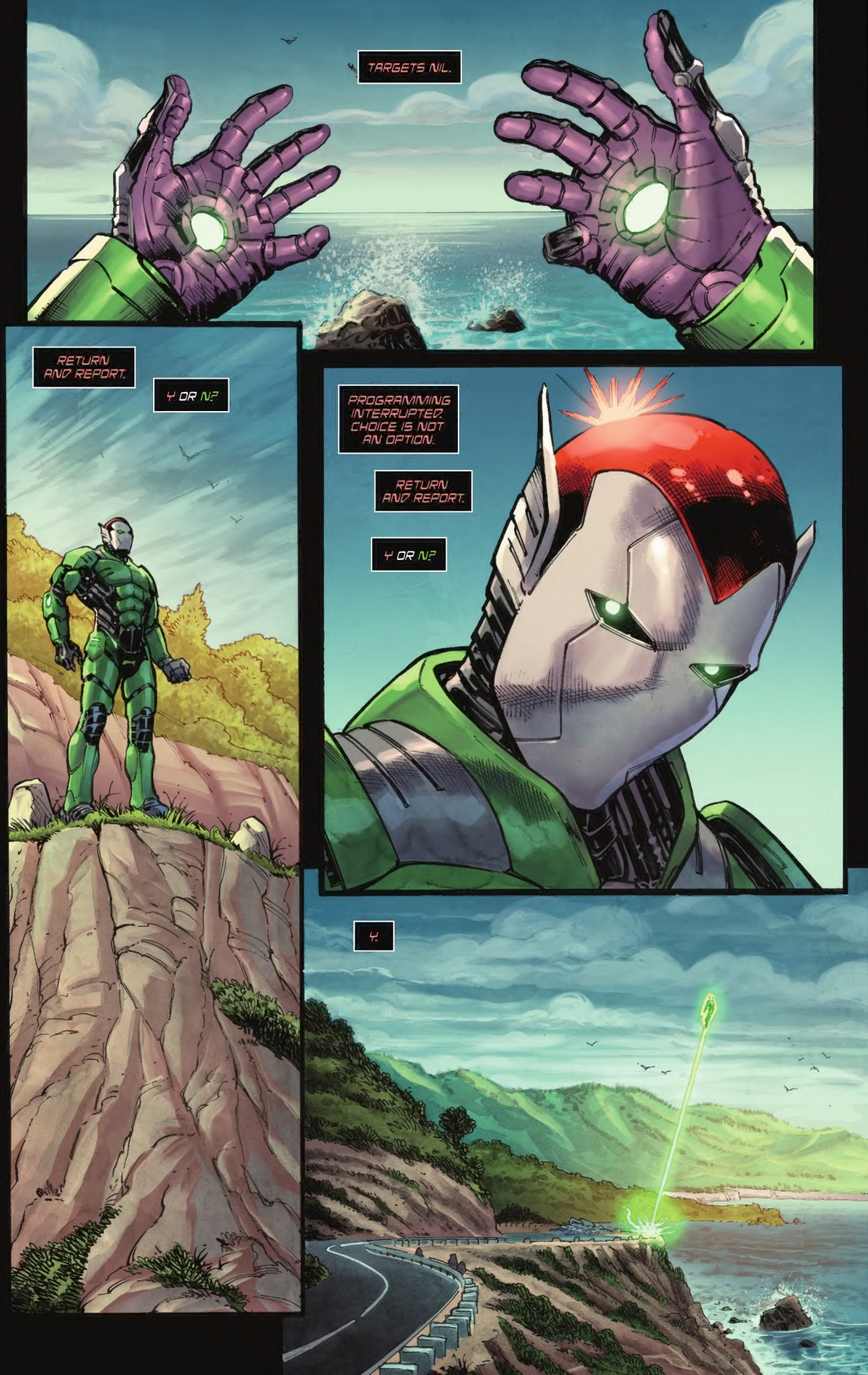
TARGETS NIL.
RETURN AND REPORT.
Y OR N?
PROGRAMMING INTERRUPTED. CHOICE IS NOT AN OPTION.
RETURN AND REPORT.
Y OR N?
Y.

HAL...
NAW. I'M *WAY* MORE HANDSOME THAN THAT GUY.
WHERE... WHERE AM I?
WITH FRIENDS...
YOU'RE... YOU'RE THE *ORIGINAL* GREEN LANTERN...WHERE IS...THE OTHER ONE. THE *NEWER* ONE?
HAL? WE DON'T KNOW. WE WENT TO HIS TRAILER LOOKING FOR HELP, BUT HE WAS GONE AND...WE FOUND *YOU.*
CAROL...WHAT HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW... WE WERE TALKING, THEN...IT ALL WENT BLACK.
I WOKE UP HERE....IN A SKETCHY VAN WITH THE...*JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA?* RIGHT?
THE ONE AND ONLY...NOW ON THE *RUN* BECAUSE SUPERHEROES ARE BASICALLY OUTLAWED.
OUTLAWED? CAN SOMEONE JUST TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?
DO YOU *REALLY* NOT KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE? YOU BEEN ON *MARS* OR SOMETHING?

OR SOMETHING...
...I'VE HAD...QUITE THE WEEK.
WELL, HONEY. IT AIN'T ABOUT TO GET BETTER.
THEY TOLD ME EVERYTHING THEY KNEW. AMANDA WALLER OUTLAWING SUPERHEROES, HER SOPHISTICATED DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN, THE AMAZO ROBOTS...AND IT'S TOO MUCH TO HANDLE.
AND AS IMPOSSIBLE AS IT ALL SEEMS, KNOWING THESE HEROES HAVE NO POWER, THEY'RE STILL HELL-BENT ON FINDING A WAY TO FIGHT BACK.
SOME AS OLD AS MY GRANDFATHER...
...OTHERS AS YOUNG AS...
IS THAT WHAT MAKES A HERO? THAT YOU DO WHAT'S RIGHT, NO MATTER THE ODDS, POWERS OR NOT?
DID I GIVE UP MY OLD LIFE FOR THIS?
TO BE A HERO LIKE THEM?

RECOMMEND DIAGNOSTIC.
DISREGARD.
HALL OF ORDER.
HALL OF ORDER
UNRECOGNIZED PROTOCOL. SYSTEM COMPROMISED.
ALTERNATIVE: SYSTEM UPGRADE.
WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE HOURS AGO.
I SEE YOU SUCCEEDED IN ACQUIRING ALAN SCOTT'S POWERS, BUT WHERE IS THE MAN HIMSELF?
YOU'VE BROUGHT ME SOME OF THE JSA, BUT I NEED THEM ALL!
WALLER AMANDA.
FUNCTION: CONTROLLER.
ALTERNATIVE: THREAT.

He...
HE WHAT?
QUERY:
UNKNOWN RESPONSE.
They evaded captivity.
THEN WHAT...ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WE'VE GOT EVERY PLACE THEY CAN RUN TO LOCKED DOWN. EVERY PLACE BUT ONE...THE TOWER OF FATE.
GO TO THE OBLIVION BAR, FIND OUT WHERE THE TOWER HAS GONE OFF TO, AND BRING ME ALAN SCOTT!
THREAT.
THE JSA IS MORE THAN A SUPERHERO TEAM, AND ALAN IS MORE THAN A GREEN LANTERN. HE'S A DAMN NATIONAL-SECURITY THREAT!
PROTOCOL: FIND ALAN SCOTT.
ALTERNATIVE: ELIMINATE AMANDA WALLER.
Y OR N?
N.
FIND ALAN SCOTT.

MYSTICAL ENERGY SIGNATURE DETECTED.
ANALYSIS: OBLIVION BAR.
GATHERING PLACE FOR MAGIC CREATURES/USERS OF VARYING DEGREES.
REVEAL MAGICKS?
Y OR N?
Y.
SKHHHNGG!
ANALYZE.
RESULT---
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "WARDS"--MYSTICAL BARRIER CREATED BY VARIOUS FORMS OF MAGIC.
OVERRIDE WITH SUPERIOR MYSTICAL ENERGY.
Y OR N?
Y.

ALL I'M SAYIN' IS...
...LET THE PHYSICAL WORLD HAVE ITS OWN TROUBLES. I'M STAYING HERE UNTIL IT'S ALL OVER. THEN, WITHOUT ANY METAS RUNNING AROUND, I'LL BE KING OF THE WORLD!
IF ONLY THE OBLIVION BAR WASN'T NEUTRAL GROUND.
YOU'RE TELLING ME.
JUST GREAT. FAUST IS DRUNK AGAIN...
DRUNK? YEAH, ON OPPORTUNI--
BOOM!

I require the location of the Tower of Fate.
AND I REQUIRE THAT YOU LEAVE THIS BAR... NOW!
LEAVE OR FIGHT?
FIGHT...
FSSSHHHH!
CRASHH!

MY NAME IS STEVE TREVOR.
MEANWHILE, ON GAMORRA ISLAND...
AND THESE GUYS? AH...WHO KNOWS. GUARDS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO ESCORT ME TO A NICE, PRIVATE CELL IN WALLER'S SUPERMAX PRISON.
WHICH WAS ALL PART OF MY PLAN...
INFILTRATE GAMORRA, FIND OUT WHAT WALLER'S DOING WITH THE HEROES, AND GET OUT...
STEP ONE...ACCOMPLISHED. THIS SHOULD KEEP THE DOORS SHUT...AT LEAST FOR A BIT.
BUT I NEED TO BE CAREFUL. NO TELLING IF SOMEONE WOULD RECOGNIZE ME--
SO JUST BLEND IN, KEEP MOVING UNTIL I FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR...

OH...
THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG.

BUT IF THE HEROES ARE HERE...WHERE ARE THE...
LOOK AT 'EM ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY, GETTING A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE.
IT'S AN ANGLE I DIDN'T SEE! HAHAH!
CODE TWELVE! STOP STRUGGLING, BEND! WE HAVE PLANS FOR YOU!
ANGELO BEND...OTHERWISE STUPIDLY KNOWN AS ANGLE MAN.
THAK!
YEAH, I BET YOU DO, BUT WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO GO ALONG WITH THEM?
SORRY, PAL. WALLER'S ORDERS SAY YOU HAVE TO STAY!
WHOOMP!
OOF!
AH!
SMK
I'M NOT GOING TO LIE. THAT FELT GOOD.
THANKS. HELP ME GET HIM DOWNSTAIRS, WOULDJA? THE ELEVATOR ON THIS FLOOR IS BUSTED.
WITH PLEASURE.
=GROAN=
AND NOW TO FIND OUT WHERE THE REST OF THE VILLAINS ARE HIDDEN...
...AND WHAT WALLER WANTS WITH THEM...

WE'RE HERE.
HERE? WHERE'S HERE?
HALF A WORLD AWAY.
THE TOWER OF FATE!

TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
LISTEN, STITCH, IT'S BEEN KIND OF CRAZY OUT HERE.
OUT THERE? I ACCIDENTALLY LEFT THE MONSTER MENAGERIE UNLOCKED.
NO!
DON'T WORRY... MOST OF THEM ARE BACK IN THEIR CAGES... BUT, YOU KNOW...THERE MIGHT BE ONE OR TWO GRIFFINS MISSING.
TALON AND CLAW? THEY'RE PROBABLY SO SCARED!
FWOOOOOSH!
Halt!

You all must come with me.
IS THAT THE ROBOT THAT BEAT US DOWN EARLIER?
YEAH... IT LOOKS LIKE IT.
ELIMINATE? CAPTURE? OR...
...INQUIRE...
HE'S JUST STANDING THERE...
I'LL TAKE HIS LEGS AND--
NO... HOLD ON.
ALAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU CRAZY?
JUST... STAY BACK...

Alan Scott. Green Lantern... Why do you... save people?
WHAT IN THE...?
THE RING...
WHAT ABOUT THE RING?
WHEN IT ABSORBED ALAN'S POWERS... IT ABSORBED PART OF THE STARHEART.
ITS MAGIC.
BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO...
It is your... programming?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
AND YOU? WHAT DOES YOUR PROGRAMMING TELL YOU TO DO?
DETAIN THOSE WITH POWER. REPORT TO AMANDA WALLER.
SET THEM FREE. LEAVE.
Detain those with power, remanding them to the custody of Amanda Waller.
SO... WHY AREN'T YOU?
There is... another voice. One that appeared when I attempted to absorb your power.
It is giving me... choices. What is this called?
WILL... IT'S CALLED FREE WILL. PROGRAMMING THAT ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICE.
Yes.
THEN LET ME ASK YOU TO MAKE A CHOICE. LET US GO, AND--
No.

OKAY...THEN LET THEM GO. BUT I WILL COME WITH YOU. WE CAN TALK ABOUT YOUR... CHOICES.
ALAN! NO!
IT'S OKAY... I THINK I NEED TO DO THIS.
This is an acceptable alternative.
LET'S GO! BEFORE IT CHANGES ITS MIND.
ALL RIGHT... TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER.
DETAIN AND REPORT.
Y OR N?
...
LEARN.
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, SCOTT. FOR ALL OUR SAKES!
TO BE CONTINUED IN GREEN LANTERN #14
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INTERVIEW WITH MATTHEW ROSENBERG

The smash-hit series returns as a fragile truce between the human resistance and the vampire queen has been established. But one variable remains! Damian Wayne and his guerrilla fighters are still battling for a better world against the bloodthirsty hordes. Can peace exist or is a world war on the horizon? DC Nation sat down with series writer Matthew Rosenberg to sink our teeth into this new installment.

How does *DC vs. Vampires: World War V* pick up after the events of the first *DC vs. Vampires* series?

Humanity suffered some horrific losses in the previous series, but there were some sparks of hope in the end. Humans and vampires have a fragile peace agreement, with parties from both sides threatening to shatter it before anyone can truly rebuild. When the *World War V* story begins we're about six months into this new status quo. It's cold, dark, and the whole world could be plunged into a war again at any moment. It's fun!

What has it been like to now have the *DC vs. Vampires* universe officially be a part of the Elseworlds relaunch?

Being part of the Elseworlds line is honestly such an honor. I grew up on books like *Batman: Gotham by Gaslight*, *Superman: Red Son*, *Kingdom Come*, *JLA: The Nail*, and so many more. One thing I've always loved about DC and the fandom is their willingness to embrace the wildest idea. It's the kind of adventurous storytelling that got me into comics. I hope we are living up to the legacy with *DC vs. Vampires*.

Are any new DC heroes or villains making their *DC vs. Vampires* universe debut in this series?

We've been keeping it a secret, but we might as well reveal it now. The most requested character was, no surprise, Killer Moth! And I'm happy to say Killer Moth will be in the series in a big way! So all you moth-heads get your preorders in at your local comics shop now. We're also adding new heroes and villains. Some big guns from the Justice League will be showing up. Plus, fan favorites like the Atom, Hush, Beast Boy, Bat-Mite, and more. Then there are rumors of Green Lantern and Batman coming back, but that would be crazy. However, there may be a few big surprises for those who are patient.

It's exciting for fans to see Otto Schmidt returning on art! What is he bringing to this new series?

Otto is the heart and soul of the series. He breathes life into these characters (even the undead ones) in a way no other artist can. The world feels real and lived-in and you feel the weight of this war on all the characters. I wouldn't trust anyone else to handle this story with the grace he brings.

DON'T MISS *DC VS. VAMPIRES: WORLD WAR V* #1, ON SALE THIS AUGUST!

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